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OTHER MAKES THREE — Albert Klatt of Pascagoula red his family recently, when he was reunited with two of his hom he hadn't seen in 56 years. The sisters, Margaret n (nght) and Marie Langley, flew in from the West Coast for a

visit, and brought news of Klatt's other brother and another sister, all of whom Klatt has not seen since 1930. The reunion, in Klatt's Little Street home, was a small but joyous one for the trio, according to Klatt's wife, Hazel. "They just couldn't stop hugging each other," Mrs. Klatt said.

Brother, sisters reunite after 50+ years Klatt

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It was just a mini-family reunion; not all the brothers and sisters could make it, and the whole thing happened so fast there was no time to invite other family members.

But as far as Margaret Richardson, Albert Klatt and Marie Langley were concerned it was about the best reunion they'd ever been to.

The two sisters, both from Everett, Wash., hadn't seen their brother in more than 50 years, and there was enough hugging and kissing going on for two family reunions when they all gathered in Klatt's Pascagoula home.

The family split up in 1930, when Klatt's father, the late

John Henry Klatt, moved to Everett, taking two of his daughters and one son with him.

"I remained here, with my mother and one sister," Klatt said. His mother, the late Leona Johnson Klatt, raised him and his sister the late Evelyn White, in Pascagoula, where she moved in 1931.

Klatt tried to find the rest of his family for years, poring over out of town phone books and writing to Klatt families all over the country.

"There wasn't anyone connected to our family, though," he said.

Then, a few months ago, Klatt heard from a cousin in Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. John (Florence) Foster, who had been

doing the same thing — looking up the family name in out of town phone books and writing to the families.

"Florence got in touch with me through a Jackson County telephone book," Klatt said. After corresponding with each other, Mrs. Foster sent Klatt the address of his sister, Mrs. Richardson.

"We wrote each other and after 56 years my two sisters flew down and we were reunited," Klatt said.

Coming to the reunion visit, Klatt's sisters also brought news of his other relatives. His brother Clyde Klatt lives in Stanwood, Wash., and another sister, born after the 1930 break-up, Mrs. Charles Owen, lives in Carson City, Nev.

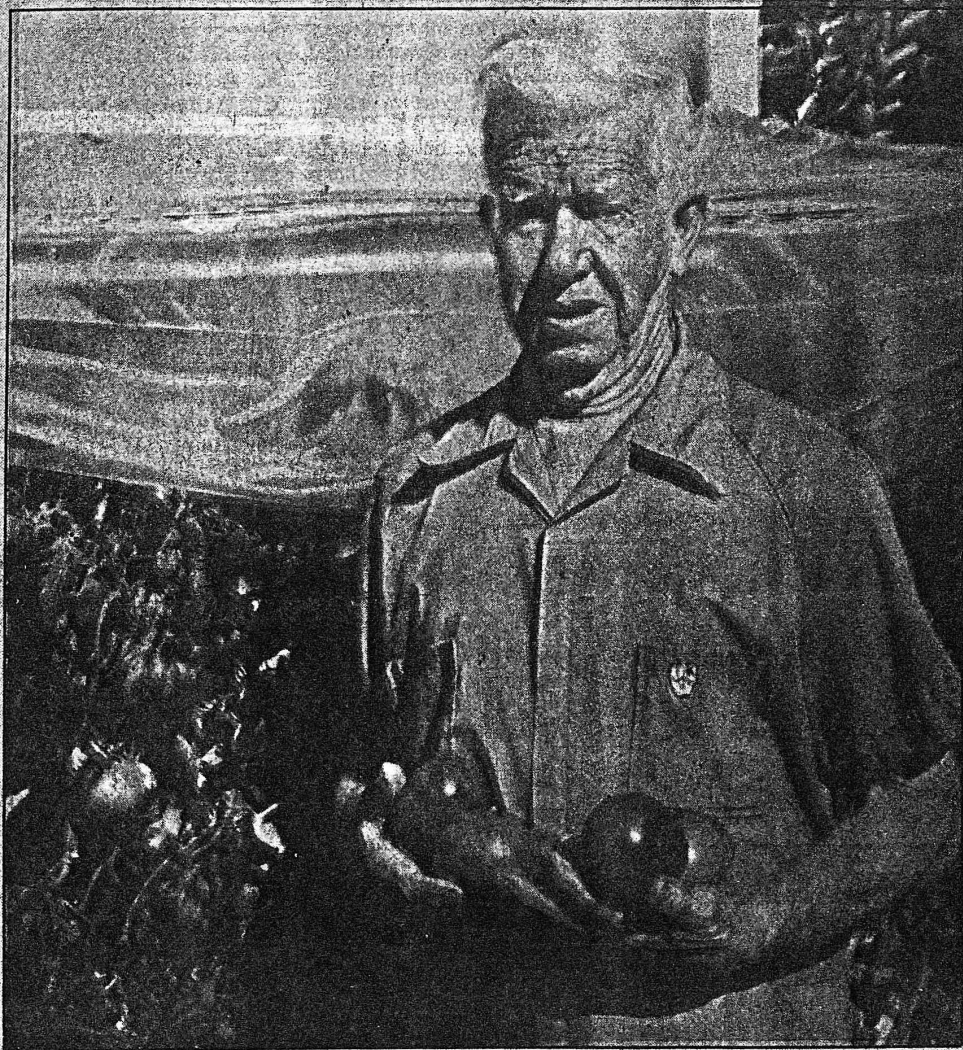
"Clyde would have come with our sisters," Klatt said, "but he couldn't make the trip because of a new baby."

Also joining the reunion was Klatt's step-sister, Jeannine Ashley of Pascagoula. Another stepsister, Gertrude Clark of New Orleans, La., was unable to attend.

But all the sisters and brothers, stepsisters and cousins, and anybody else in the family who can make it, plan to gather again in the first week of September, when Albert Klatt celebrates a birthday.

"We're really looking forward to having them all visit," Klatt's wife, Hazel, said. "It's going to be a great reunion for the whole family."

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FRESH TOMATOES — Pascagoula resident A.C. Klatt shows fresh tomatoes he takes daily from his garden at 2215 Little Street. Klatt said he planted them in August and was picking them before Thanksgiving.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Huntly
and Albert Klatt have returned
from a weekend visit in Port Ar-
thur with relatives Mr. and Mrs.
Arnold Johnson and Mrs. Elsie
Dixon.

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